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SUBJ: PRIMIN IRMAK SAYS GOT IN "WAITING PERIOD"

1. PRIMIN SADI IRMAK, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY MILLIYET FEBRUARY 9, SAID: "WE ARE NOW IN A WAITING PERIOD. WE HAVE NOT YET SAID THE LAST WORD TO PRESIDENT FORD NOR BLOWN UP ALL THE BRIDGES. IT IS A FAIRLY STRONG PROBABILITY THAT THE AID WILL BE RESUMED IN THE QUARTERLY PERIOD AFTER FEBRUARY. FOR THIS REASON WE DO NOT, AT THE MOMENT, SEE ANY NEED FOR DEFINITE AND RADICAL MEASURES, IF NO CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE."

2. IRMAK WAS REPORTED FURTHER TO HAVE SAID THAT THE WAIT-AND-SEE PERIOD WOULD NOT RPT NOT LAST LONG. BASIS FOR HOPE OF RESUMPTION OF AID WAS "NOT ONLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT FORD AND THE ADMINISTRATION ARE EXERTING GREAT EFFORTS TOWARD THIS END, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS NOT LOST ITS COMMON SENSE." HE WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE,
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HOWEVER, THAT "IN THE EVENT THAT AID IS CUT, THE TURKISH NATION

WILL UNDERTAKE ALL SACRIFICES FOR ITS DEFENSE, AND IT IS A NATION STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THESE EFFORTS. NO ONE SHOULD DOUBT THIS."

3. SEPARATELY, DURING THE BUDGET DEBATES IN THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 7, IRMAK REPORTEDLY STATED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD INFORMED HIM BY CABLE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING ON THE RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID. IRMAK SAID: "I EXPECT THAT AID TO BE RESUMED TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY. IT IS THE OUT-COME OF OUR DIGNIFIED STAND."
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